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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0087

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, GY, CU
SUBJECT: GUYANA POSITION AT CARIBBEAN CONGRESS OF LABOR (CCL)

REF: 76 GEORGETOWN 2614

1. "CHRONICLE" REPORTED THAT GUYANA DELEGATION AT CCL CONFERENCE HELD IN ANTIGUA JANUARY 6-8 MOVED TO CHANGE THE CCL CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES INCLUDING CUBA TO BECOME MEMBERS. "CHRONICLE" ARTICLE NOTED THAT CCL DID NOT MAKE DECISION ON AMENDMENTS SPONSORED BY GUYANA. OTHER AMENDMENTS WERE INTRODUCED TO MAKE CCL ORGANIZATION QUOTE NOT TIED TO THE APRON STRINGS OF THE OLD MASTERS UNQUOTE. REFTEL REPORTED THAT TUC DELEGATION WOULD INTRODUCE ABOVE PROPOSALS.

2. "CHRONICLE" HAILED GUYANA'S EFFORTS AT CCL CONFERENCE TO UNITE THE REVOLUNTARY CARIBBEAN. EDITORIAL NOTED THAT PAN-CARIBBEANISM WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE DISMEMBERMENT OF REGION INTO ENGLISH-SPEAKING, CONFIDENTIAL

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FRENCH-SPEAKING, AND SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.

3. MEMBER OF GUYANA DELEGATION JOSEPH POLLYDORE, GENERAL SECRETARY OF GUYANA TRADES UNION CONGRESS (GTUC) TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 12 THAT HE EXPECTS CUBA TO BE ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP BUT THAT IT WILL NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT CLOUT TO PUSH COMMUNIST LINE. POLLYDORE ALSO SAID THAT HE

DID NOT EXPECT SPLIT IN CCL BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND NON-SOCIALIST TRADE UNIONISTS.

4. COMMENT: POSSIBLY BECAUSE CCL DID NOT ACT ON AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY GUYANA, EXPECTED CALL FOR MEETING OF ALL CARIBBEAN TRADE UNIONISTS DID NOT EMERGE. POLLYDORE DID NOT SEEM ANXIOUS TO SCRAP CCL IN FAVOR OF A NEW SOCIALIST CARIBBEAN LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR TO ABANDON THE TRADITIONAL AFFILIATION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) IN FAVOR OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU). HOWEVER, POLLYDORE INDICATED TUC WANTED TO BALANCE TRADITIONAL TIES TO WESTERN LABOR GROUPS, SUCH AS THE ICFTU, BY EXPANDING THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH SOCIALIST LABOR MOVEMENTS. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED AT CCL CONFERENCE WERE DESIGNED TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE.
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